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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan announces that he will begin the publication of a weekly newspaper at Lincoln, Neb.; it will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform, and will be called the "Commoner." —— Lord Kitchener reports that eighteen officers and 550 men of the British army were captured by the Boers. —— The Senate again considered the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in secret session. —— The war revenue reduction bill passed the House; the amendment to tax express receipts was defeated. —— Five men captured the town-guard at Brighton, Ill., dynamited a bank, plundered a store and escaped with their booty. —— The British Minister at Pekin is notified that at present he is not authorized to sign the joint note. —— British expeditionary force in search of hidden treasure near Pekin was attacked by Boxers. —— Boyd's appointment as U. S. district court judge in North Carolina has been sent to the Senate. —— Elkes and McFarland won the six day bicycle race at Madison Square garden. —— Attempt made at Westville, Miss., to lynch a white man in jail for murdering a prominent merchant. —— New York markets: Money on call quoted nominal; prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent; cotton quiet; middling uplands 10½c; flour inactive and nominal as to quotations, closing easy; wheat—spot steady; No. 2 red 78½c; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 45½c at elevator; oats—spot quiet; No. 2, 27½c; rosin quiet; strained common to good $1.70@1.75; spirits turpentine dull at 40½@41c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 15.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 28 degrees; 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 43 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees; mean, 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—For North Carolina—Fair and warmer Sunday and Monday; fresh northeasterly winds.

Port Almanac---December 16.

Sun Rises	7.04 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport.	3 38 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	6.08 P. M.

Atlanta is organizing for a textile exposition in 1902. She proposes to make it a big show.

About the most attractive feature of the Duke of Manchester's retinue is the squad of bull pups attached to it. The Duke is weak on bull pups.

People who buy titled sons-in-law, who have to keep up stilted dignity to let people see they are about, buy something that is pretty expensive to keep and don't amount to much otherwise.

A Boston boy confessed to stealing $8,837, and refused to tell where he had it hid, preferring to go to prison for five years, by which time he would be fully grown and could have lots of fun with the money.

According to the Charlotte *News* the first firecracker ever shot on Christmas in that town was in 1855 when a citizen sent North and bought $5 worth. If he has passed away it is to be hoped he atoned for this before he passed.

The farmers are entirely too careless with their diamond rings this year. A few days ago a man butchering a hog in Pennsylvania found a $200 diamond ring inside of him, and a few days ago a Maryland man making sausage ground out a $600 diamond ring from his mill.

Moses Pearson, an aged man of Nashville, suddenly disappeared several weeks ago and notwithstanding earnest efforts could not be found. A few days ago he was found wandering in the streets of Glasgow, Scotland, and neither he nor anyone else knows how he got there.

It is mighty hard to convince some women to the contrary when they have made up their minds to something. A Fall River, Mass., woman concluded the other day that she had swallowed her false teeth. She was mistaken but they couldn't convince her, and she died of fright from anticipating a surgical operation to remove the teeth.

Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, estimate the cotton crop 1900-1901 at 9,766,910 bales, against 9,436,000 for last year. These estimates are based on replies from 2,285 correspondents throughout the cotton belt. They report a decrease, compared with last year, in all the States except Arkansas and Texas, in the former of which the increase was 60,000 bales and in the latter 659,100 bales.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Church notices may be found on the second page of to-day's paper.

— The police census of the city will be finished about the middle of this week.

— Mr. Z. B. Ennett has taken a position as salesman in the store of Mr. A. D. Wessell.

— Capt. Edgar L. Hart, who arrived yesterday evening on the A. C. L. train from Norfolk, reported a fall of snow at Suffolk, Va., yesterday.

— Concord Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, will hold regular convocation to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. The annual election of officers will take place.

— There are 150 members in Wilmington of the Order of Chosen Friends, which order as stated in a press dispatch in yesterday's paper, is now insolvent.

— John Odam, colored, who was sentenced to thirty days work on the county roads, was released from jail yesterday, arrangements having been made for his release.

— The A. C. L. has announced a rate of one fare for the round trip to Richmond on account of the convention of the Southern Educational Association, December 27-29th.

— The passenger train on the W. C. and A. road, due here at 1:25 o'clock P. M., did not arrive yesterday until 3:40 o'clock P. M. The delay was caused by southern connection at Charleston.

— At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday it was ordered that the tax assessment of the Carolina Ice Company be reduced from $4,000 to $3,200, a clerical error having been discovered in listing.

— Messrs. B. G. Empie and J. C. Loder, of Wilmington, and Major Kuhn, of West Point, went Friday afternoon down the river on the *Mary Lilly* and enjoyed a gunning trip up Town Creek, returning yesterday afternoon.

— Steamboat Inspectors Rice and Borden, of Charleston, yesterday made an examination of the *Hawes*, *Buck* and *Emma*. The inspection of the first named was not completed yesterday afternoon but will be finished to-morrow.

— Mr. C. D. Gilbert has a splendid exhibition of window dressing for the holidays at No. 110 North Fourth street. He has demonstrated the fact that a really artistic display can be made from a fancy grocery stock well supplied.

— A congregational meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian Church will be held to-day immediately after the morning service for the purpose of endorsing a call to a pastor recently made by a committee appointed for the purpose.

— Mr. "Tuck" Farriss, a son of Mr. W. A. Farriss, is proprietor of a new steam bakery at Durham. The Durham *Herald* prints a long description of the new place, judging from which the establishment must be an up-to-date one and on an extensive scale.

— Only 119 bales of cotton were received on the Wilmington market yesterday. Persons in the country, who have been holding for ten cents, seem determined to win out in the fight or keep their cotton at home, as is evidenced by the small receipts for the past few days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Vollers & Hashagen—Notice.
M. H. Curran—Xmas presents.
W. B. Cooper—Baldwin apples.
Opera House—A Runaway Girl.
Kerchner & Harriss—Groceries.
A. Shrier—Stock at cost for cash.
S. & B. Solomon.—Xmas presents.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Xmas goods.
Opera House—Black Troubadours.
VonGlahn & Gibson—You won't.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Xmas goods.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Books for gifts.
Fishblate Clothing Co.—Nipping air.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Christmas goods.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
Opera House—What Happened to Jones.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Sale—Granite quarry.
Mrs. J. H. Runge—For rent.
R. A. Nunn—Information wanted.
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.

Messrs. Kerchner & Harriss.

The new firm of Messrs. Kerchner & Harriss, which is already supplying the wants of the first class trade in the city, has an announcement of interest in the advertising columns of the STAR to-day. The business of the firm is rapidly assuming large proportions and the corps of efficient salesmen is kept very busy in catering to the trade. The special announcement made by the firm to day is that on Christmas eve night at 10 o'clock a handsome $50 doll will be presented to the largest purchaser of goods at the store from to-morrow until the date mentioned. The doll will be on exhibition at the store on and after Thursday night.

Funeral of Mrs. Warren.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Warren will be held from the residence, No. 113 Market street, this morning at 10 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. The remains will be taken at 10.30 o'clock on the steamer *Wilmington* to Southport for interment in the family burying ground there. All those who desire to attend the concluding services at Southport may go down on the steamer without cost and return in the afternoon. The services at the grave will be conducted by Rev. R. W. Bailey.

ROAD MACHINERY.

County Has Purchased Crusher and Other Machinery for the Improvement.

THE COST WILL BE $2,250.

Contract Was Closed by Chairman McEachern, of Board of County Commissioners, Last Night—An Inspection Visit to Raleigh.

The New Hanover County Commissioners have at length decided to purchase road machines and other equipment including a crusher for the successful culmination of the plans inaugurated about year ago toward the permanent improvement of all the thoroughfares in the county.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held yesterday afternoon at which all members were present except Mr. Alexander, who was unavoidably detained at home. The decision to buy was not only reached at the meeting, but the purchase was consummated immediately afterwards, through Mr. D. McEachern, the chairman, who was authorized to attend to the matter, and the machinery, at a cost of $2,250 delivered, will be at the quarry at Castle Haynes within thirty days. The purchase was made of Mr. C. M. Scott, of Ceres, Va., representing the Good Roads Machinery Company, of Kennett Square, Pa., and consists of one No. 4 steel Champion rock crusher, mounted on frame and wheels, one 50-foot elevator, one revolving screen, one 30-horse power boiler, one improved Ajax centre crank 25-horse power engine, and one steel Champion road machine. The capacity of the road crusher is about 150 tons per day, and the purchase was made after the closest investigation of the claims of other road machinery concerns. Mr. Scott was present at the board meeting and explained the working of his equipment.

A similar crushing plant to the one bought by New Hanover is owned and operated successfully by Mecklenburg county; also other machines of this manufacture are owned and operated by the town of Davidson, N. C., Camden, N. C., Athens, Ga., Greenville, Tenn., Wythe county, Va., Anson county, N. C., Haywood county, N. C., Roanoke, Va., Lowell, Mass., Exeter, Pa., Lithonia, Ga., Plainsfield, Conn., and other places too numerous to mention. The only other bidder for furnishing the machinery was Mr. D. P. Hutchinson, of Charlotte, who was present, representing the Climax Machine Co.

Chairman McEachern and Mr. W. H. Shearin, superintendent of the quarry at Castle Haynes, spent Friday in Raleigh inspecting the rock crushing plant there, which is also of the Champion manufacture. The plant used by the city of Wilmington was furnished by Mr. Hutchinson, and was made by the Climax Company. Mr. McEachern's visit to Raleigh was, therefore, to determine the relative merits of the two, he having previously visited the city quarries here and seen the Climax machine at work.

The purchase of the new machinery by the county is expected to mark a new era in road building in New Hanover. It is believed that the commissioners will ultimately develop quarries on the Hermitage place, near Castle Haynes, and the purchase of the new machinery is construed by many to be a step in this direction.

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY.

Those Drawn to Serve at the January Term of the Superior Court.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the following juries were drawn to serve at the term of New Hanover Superior Court which will be convened on Monday, January 28th:

First week—J. W. Barnes, Jr., W. G. Fergus, J. F. Wishart, A. C. Penton, Martin O'Brien, D. A. Rowan, E. W. Rogers, S. Solomon, F. A. Mason, A. Brewer, Geo. H. Rogers, J. M. McGowan, F. W. Foster, E. J. Flanagan, E. W. Manning, Jr., J. B. Dempsey, J. F. Divine and Robert B. Lewis.

Second week—Jack Wells, J. Hicks Bunting, D. S. Weeks, Wm. Walton, C. W. Yates, Sr., J. H. Strauss, J. N. Burriss, W. A. Wilson, Sr., W. G. Whitehead, W. A. Piner, R. G. Litgen, Thos. J. Pae, J. C. Rowan, W. W. Roberts, Geo. F. Quinn, R. C. Orrell, Thos. A. Price, Jno. T. Smith.

Reception by Dr. Strange.

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange and Mrs. Strange will on to-morrow evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock, give a reception to all their friends in Wilmington at the parish house. They will be on this occasion not only glad to welcome the members of their own church, but will also be glad to see their friends generally, irrespective of denomination. As stated in another column, Dr. Strange will leave on Thursday for his new home in Richmond, and Mrs. Strange and children will leave for Lawrenceville, Va., to visit relatives on Tuesday.

Prominent South Carolinian Dead.

News was received in the city yesterday of the death at his home in McColl, S. C., of Mr. F. P. Tatum, one of the most prominent men in the State. He was president of the McColl Manufacturing Company and died suddenly Friday night. He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters. His estate is valued at $300,000.

OPERA HOUSE NEXT WEEK.

Three Capital Attractions for Wilmington Theatre Goers—All Come Highly Recommended.

"All coons may look alike, but all shows are not alike." This suggestion is apropos to the coming of the Black Patti Troubadours to morrow night. Patrons of the theatre can make no mistake in attending the performance of this remarkable company. The troubadours enjoy a standing in theatrical circles which is the envy of nearly all promoters of amusement enterprises. Messrs. Voelokel and Nolan, the founders and promoters of the enterprise, have realized a handsome fortune from their investment. They are experienced showman, and seem to have struck the right lead in the Black Patti Troubadours and this company's great stage performance. As usual for this attraction half the lower floor will be reserved for white people.

"What Happened to Jones."

There should be joy for the people of Wilmington in the announcement that one of the best laugh-makers of our generation, "What Happened to Jones" is booked for an appearance at the Opera House, Wednesday the 19th. George H. Broadhurst, the author has succeeded in putting the most mirthful scenes and situations ever devised into the shortest space of time. In fact the curtain has scarcely arisen upon the first act before there is a chuckle which presently broadens into a roar which is kept up without subsiding for two hours and one-half. The fun is said to be clean and intelligent. The spectator thinks while he laughs. There is nothing to offend anyone and there is that to delight everyone. Seats on sale Tuesday morning at usual prices.

Runaway Girl.

The Augustin Daly Company is certainly a very pretentious organization if one may judge from its number and personnel, as well also as the great amount of scenery, wardrobe, etc., that is said to be provided by the management for the proper production of the latest and best of the London and New York musical successes, viz: "A Runaway Girl," which comes Thursday night.

The company comprises some sixty artists, prominent among whom are seen the names of Mr. Arthur Dunn, Mr. John Park, Mr. Joe Fay, Mr. Maurice Abbey, Mr. Henri Leoni, Mr. George Miller, Miss Clara Bell Jerome, Miss Celeste Wynne, Miss Miriam Lawrence, Miss Minnie De Rue and Miss Fannie De Witt. There are many others of equal distinction. With this array of talent, in conjunction with the pretty faces and trained voices of the handsomely dressed chorus, one can readily see that the splendid reputation of this excellent company must be well deserved.

Seats on sale Wednesday morning. Prices $1.50, $1.00, 75 and 50 cents.

WILL SELL STOCK AT COST.

Mr. A. Shrier Inaugurates Clearance Sale on Account of Change in Business.

Announcement is made by Mr. A. Shrier, gents' furnisher, on southeast corner Front and Princess streets, that owing to a change in business, his entire stock must be sold at cost for cash by January 15th of the coming year. He announces some special bargains in standard goods that will interest the holiday purchaser.

Mr. J. Emmett Benton, one of the most thoroughly efficient men in his line in the city, will be with Mr. Shrier during the holidays and will be glad to have all his friends call upon him during the period of the special sale.

The Play Last Night.

After the recent dismal failure at the Opera House, last night's attraction, "Other People's Money," came like a refreshing boon. The play sparkled with wit and humor from start to finish, every line a laugh and each situation masterly and cleverly developed. An especially pleasant feature of the performance was the fact that the continuous bursts of laughter were provoked by clean, wholesome wit and the absence of the vulgar and obscene which unfortunately seem to characterize the modern comedies. The entire cast was excellent and the performance as good one ascould desire.

Upper Cape Fear Improvement.

The party of Fayetteville gentlemen which went to Washington as a committee from the Chamber of Commerce of that city to urge the appropriation for the upper Cape Fear river improvement, returned Friday night and are pleased with the prospects for the ultimate success of their plans. While bills already introduced for river and harbor improvements aggregate over four million dollars, the committee thinks there will be but little difficulty in securing $100,000 for beginning the Cape Fear work.

Buried in Bellevue Cemetery.

The remains of Mrs. A. M. Bray, who died in Florence, S. C., Friday, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the W. C. and A. train. The funeral was held at four o'clock from the residence of Mr. A. P. Merritt, No. 413 Camphell street. The service was conducted by Rev. J. N. Cole assisted by Rev. Mr. Porter. The interment was made at Bellevue cemetery.

— Hon. Kenneth M. Jackson, of Skagaway, Alaska, arrived in the city yesterday morning and went down to the Orton plantation in the afternoon to spend a few days at hunting with his uncle, Col. K. M. Murchison. Mr. Jackson was here a year ago and is pleasantly remembered. He is fast achieving success in his profession as a lawyer in his distant home.

Tickets on sale for everybody for the Christmas Holidays, on Seaboard Air Line Railway December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and also December 30th and 31st, 1900, and January 1st, 1901, good until January 4th, inclusive.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mrs. Herbert L. Borden left last night for New York.

— Mr. Raymond Corbett, of Alpine, is visiting in the city.

— Miss Allie Butler, of Burgaw, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. Alf. Moffitt left last night for Norfolk on a short visit.

— Capt. Geo. L. Morton returned yesterday from Washington, D. C.

—Mr. W. R. Bonsal, of Hamlet, was an arrival at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. John Underwood, of Fayettville, came down to the city last evening.

— Dr. Harry Honnett and Mr. Henry Bear arrived last evening from New York.

— Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles and Miss Lucile Murchison arrived home yesterday from New York.

—Mr. D. P. Hutchinson was among the distinguished Charlotteans who registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mrs. R. N. Bryan came down from Warsaw yesterday to spend the day with her son, E. K. Bryan, Esq.

— Miss Bessie Bellamy, of Brunswick county, is here on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Thees, 313 Chesnut street.

— Messrs. J. E. Kelly, of Tarboro, and Mr. N. P. Cannon, of Charlotte, were visitors to the city yesterday.

— Mr. M. S. Roberts, of Atlanta, general agent of the Orient Insurance Company, of Hartford, is at The Orton.

— Assistant Superintendent of Transportation W. H. Newell, of the A. C. L. at Norfolk, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. John J. Seibles, general agent of the Rochester German, New Hampshire and Pacific insurance companies, is in the city on a business trip.

— Miss Norma Northam arrived yesterday evening from the Greensboro Female College to spend the holidays at home.

— Miss Amelia Bucking, of Baltimore, who was pianist in Prof. Miller's orchestra, left yesterday for Norfolk to visit for a few days.

— Major J. E. Kuhn, of West Point, who has been the guest of Capt. E. W. Van C. Lucas for several days, left last night, returning North.

— Mr. J. P. Summers, manager for the Armour Packing Company in Wilmington, left last night for Kansas City where he will spend a week.

— Mrs. J. J. Clemmons has removed to Florence to be with her husband, who is now conductor of an A. C. L. train running between Florence and Augusta.

— Mr. C. H. Heide, a prominent New Hanover trucker, was in the city yesterday. He said the cold did no damage to growing plants that were properly housed.

DR. CULBRETH HONORED.

Elected Clinical Instructor in Dental Department of University of Tennessee.

Dr. N. M. Culbreth, one of Wilmington's well known and popular dentists, has recently been elected clinical instructor in the dental department of the University of Tennessee, at Nashville. It is indeed a high compliment to our esteemed townsman, and one which he thoroughly appreciates, but owing to the fact that the acceptance of the position would necessitate his absence from Wilmington during the Winter he has declined the offer.

Dr. Culbreth's ability in his profession is recognized not only in his own State, but also abroad. His friends here will be glad to know that he will not move away.

Funeral of Mrs. Hewlett.

The remains of Mrs. Maria J. Hewlett, who died at Loris, S. C. Thursday, arrived yesterday afternoon on the W. C. and A. train, and were carried at once to Oakdale cemetery, where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. J. Payseur, of the Brooklyn Baptist Church.

PANNILL'S ROOF PAINTS.

A Reporter Made Interesting Visit to His Office Yesterday Afternoon.

A STAR representative yesterday afternoon dropped into the office of Mr. Henry Pannill, the well-known paint man, and although he was very busy, the reporter was shown some very nice letters about the wonderful roof paint which he is now introducing in Wilmington. One letter read that after twelve years the paint and cement was all O. K.; another where the writer thought he would have to take the roof off, but the Pannill cement and paint had done the work and the roof is now all right. Several other endorsments were also shown speaking of his paint and cement in the highest of terms. The reporter also saw the wonderful painted basket which is used as an advertising device. After trying every conceivable way to break the cement it stood the test, bending until the basket was out of shape. It was then filled *with water* and *did not leak*. Now a paint and cement that will do this will certainly stop leaks.

Mr. Pannill showed the representative all the different oils, etc., used in his inventions and took great pleasure in explaining everything. He is a fellow well met and to be with him a few minutes is like knowing him all your life. We will say that Pannill and his paint are all O. K.

Tickets for everybody by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, for the Christmas Holidays; will be good for two weeks if purchased on December 22nd. For College Students they will be good for twenty-five days if purchased on December 15th.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

To-day Will Be An Interesting One With Several Wilmington Congregations. Changes of Pulpits, Etc.

Prof. C. L. T. Fisher, vice president of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, one of the foremost Lutheran female institutions in the South, arrived yesterday and will occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's Church to-day in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt, who is visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

Rev. R. B. John, the new presiding elder of the Wilmington District, M. E. Conference, arrived yesterday from Newbern and is the guest of Rev. Jno. H. Hall. Rev. Mr. John will preach at Fifth Street M. E Church this morning and at Market Street Church at night. Rev. R. F. Bumpass, the retiring presiding elder, will occupy the pulpit at Grace M. E. Church this morning. The services at night will be by the pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole.

This morning's service at St. James' Episcopal Church will be a memorable one for that congregation, as Dr. Strange's rectorship of the parish closes with the sermon. It is unnecessary to again comment upon the very great regret that the people of Wilmington have experienced at the announcement of his departure from the city. He will leave Thursday to take up his work at Richmond. Mrs. Strange and children will leave Tuesday for Lawrenceville, Va., to spend some time before joining Dr. Strange in their new home.

Rev. Frederick H. T. Horsfield, of Cambridge, N. Y., who is to supply the parish of St. James for three months beginning with the expiration of the term of Dr. Strange, arrived yesterday morning and for the present is a guest of Mrs. E. Lilly, corner of Fifth and Orange streets.

Piano Recital Yesterday.

At the usual Saturday afternoon piano recital at Schmidt Hall yesterday at 4:30 o'clock the following programme was creditably observed:

"Patriot March," (Krogmann) by Mr. Herbert Bluethenthal, a pupil of Miss Marcella Shrier.

"Valsetta," (Halcombe) by Miss Mabel Bowler, a pupil of Miss Fannie Corbett:

"Tendre Fleur," (Egghard) by Miss Virginia Powers, a pupil of Miss Carrie May Von Glahn.

"Marche From Christmas Suite," (Turner) by Miss Jennie Staniand, a pupil of Mr. James C. Craft.

"March in D," (Schmoll) by Miss Annie Tiencken, pupil of Mrs. James McMillan.

"Drolleries" (Wilm) by Miss Julia McLaurin, a pupil of Mrs. M. L. Chasten.

Reserves Had Target Practice.

On account of high winds the target practice with the howitzer at Wrightsville by Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves, had to be abandoned yesterday afternoon but a squad went out to Hilton Park and had practice with small arms. The wind there was rather high for good work but nevertheless, the following records were made over a range of 200 yards:

W. S. Morris, 39; J. T. Yates, 38; Chas. E McMillan, 34; W. H. McCartney, 32; A. A. Hergenrother, 32. The records were made out of a possible 50 and speak well for members of the squad under the weather conditions prevailing.

Changed His Name.

Yesterday at noon Mr. Henry Roger Moore made application to Col. John D. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court, to change his name to Roger Moore. By special proceedings, a certificate was granted, showing that the name had been changed as asked, and declaring that the said Roger Moore is entitled to all the privileges and protection under his new name as he was, or would have been under the old.

In Honor of the Misses Meares.

Mrs. Paul H. Langdon and the Misses Langdon entertained last Tuesday evening at their home in Augusta, Ga., with a beautiful euchre party in honor of Misses Mary and Jane Meares, of Wilmington. There were about seventy-five invited guests present. The Augusta *Chronicle* contained a long account of the brillant reception.

Civil Service Examination.

An examination was conducted yesterday in the United States court room by the local civil service examining board for the positions of clerks and carriers in the postoffice service. There were fifteen applicants, five of them females. Nine were for clerks and six for carriers.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—The regular Convocation will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock, Dec. 17. A full attendance is desired.
Election of officers.
dec 16 1t W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

Kerchner & Harriss,
Fresh stock of Groceries.
Our line of goods consists of staple articles only. We have everything needed for Xmas trade.
Handsome $50.00 Doll will be presented
to largest cash purchaser of goods at our store from Monday morning, 17th, ending Xmas eve., 10 o'clock.
dec 16 tf su

Useful Xmas Presents.
Towels, Table Linens, Bed Spreads, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Suspenders, Shoes, Dress Patterns, Apron Patterns, Capes, Jackets, Underwear, Umbrellas, Rugs, Gloves, Polka Dot Velvet Shirt Waist Patterns, Golf Cape Patterns, and everything else you want from a Dry Goods or Shoe Store.
S. & B. Solomon.
dec 16 tf

Xmas Presents.
We have them. All the latest fads in Neckwear. You should see our inch and a half Four-in-Hand. It is strictly swell. Gloves dressed and undressed. Umbrellas for Ladies as well as gentlemen. Also, an elegant line of Canes, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Fancy Half Hose in Silk and Lisle, and lots of other useful articles too numerous to mention. Underwear—wool, camel hair and fleece lined AT COST THIS WEEK. One of our elegant Vicunas, Thibet or Cassimere Suits would be a nice Xmas gift.
M. H. CURRAN,
107 Princess Street.
dec 16 tf

Entire stock of Clothing, Furnishing Goods and Shoes
TO BE CLOSED OUT AT COST FOR CASH.
These goods must all be sold by January 15, 1900. I expect to make a change in my present business, consequently you should take advantage of this opportunity.
The sale begins Monday morning at 9 o'clock sharp.
This is Strictly a Cash Sale.
Note a few of the following prices:
Hawes' $3.00 Hats go for - - - $2.00 each
Arrow Brand Collars go for - - - 1.20 doz.
" " Cuffs " - - - 2.00 doz.
$1.00 Monarch Shirts go for - - 81c each
1.50 " " " - - - $1.10 each
25c Half Hose, all colors, go for - - 18c pair
All 50 cent Neckwear, including the newest shapes and patterns, go for - . 40c
In our Men's and Children's Clothing Department, you can buy a Suit at New York Cost. Remember that all of this stock is new and seasonable. Don't wait until your size is sold, but come at once.
A. SHRIER, Men's Wear,
Bell 'Phone 565. 34 corner Front & Princess.
dec 16 tf

Opera House
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.
"GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH."
The Best Show of the Season. The World Famous
Black Patti Troubadours
Greatest Colored Show on Earth.
Black Patti and 30 Ebony Ecstasies. A Bunch of Fun and Melody. Coon Comedy, Darkey Fun, Cake Walks, Buck Dances and Sweet Melodies.
This is the original company, which has made one of the most popular hits in the annals of American amusements. It is better than a circus. dec 16 1t

Opera House
Wednesday, December 19.
First Time Here of—
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MOON'S PHASES.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16.

PROFESSION VS. PRACTICE.

In his message to Congress President McKinley admitted the advisability of a reduction of taxation when he recommended "the remission of those taxes which experience has shown to be the most burdensome to the industries of the people." That was all right, it was on the right line, but profession or recommendation is one thing and practice or performance another. Assuming that the President meant what he said and that Congress might pay some attention to it, some of the Northern Republican papers are demanding a repeal of the duties on paper and on wood pulp, the former of which, such as is used for newspapers, is taxed $6 per ton, the latter $1.67 per ton. These are not simply protective taxes, as they were alleged to be, but prohibitory taxes, which by precluding competition by paper makers of other countries, give the home paper maker a practically absolute monopoly of the home market, a monopoly which they wield with a merciless disregard for fair play or honest dealing.

We have heretofore called attention to the fact that this unjust taxation upon the newspapers of the country and indirectly upon the public, has been condemned by the press of the country, regardless of party, as heartless extortion for which there is no excuse or justification. No less than a half dozen publishers' and editors' associations, speaking for themselves and for the press of the United States, have petitioned for or demanded a repeal or reduction of these taxes, so as to admit of the importation of foreign-made paper and wood pulp to break the monopoly which was used to oppress them and levy extortionate tribute upon them.

Responding to this just demand Hon. John D. Bellamy, of this district, in the early days of the first session of the present Congress introduced a bill in the House of Representatives for that purpose, which was followed by several other bills, but they were buried in the committee pigeon holes, and that was the last of them.

The ostensible object of this tariff tax was to protect the paper making and pulp-making industries until they were able to take care of themselves. But they are now and have for some time been not only able to take care of themselves but to compete with their foreign competitors as shown by the fact that they export large quantities of paper to the countries against whose paper-makers they are protected by the tariff. If, then, the purpose of the duties imposed was to protect those industries against foreign competition till they were able to take care of themselves there is no longer any excuse or justification for this protection the only effect of which is to give a monopoly and enable the monopolist to rob their victims. Justice to the newspapers of the country which have been so heartlessly preyed upon by the Paper Trust, justice to the people who suffer with the newspapers, and a decent regard for their own professions require that the Republicans in Congress materially reduce if they do not repeal these monopoly-fostering taxes for which there is no longer any excuse or justification. But they are not going to do it for the Trusts hold the Republican party by then throat.

But there are other good reasons why these taxes should be reduced or repealed. It ought to be done in the interest of forest preservation, for it takes millions of acres of timber to supply the demands of the pulp mills. If the tax were taken off wood pulp and wood pulp timber immense quantities of these would be supplied by Canada and our forests would be spared to that extent. This tax is simply a premium on forest destruction, a work which is going on entirely too rapidly without any such tempting inducements.

But how does Congress respond to the President's recommendation for a "revision of these taxes which experience has shown to be the most burdensome on our industries?" The first move made in the direction of tax reduction was a reduction of internal taxation, some of which are on luxuries which it is generally admitted can bear taxation the least burdensome to the people. The proposed reduction will amount if carried out as outlined to between $40,000,000 and $50,000,000. One of these is the beer tax, from which it is proposed to take between $8,000,000 and $9,000,000, not in the interests of the consumers of beer, but of the beer makers, who have amassed fortunes in that industry. Some of the Republican papers which are opposed to this kind of tax reduction, which they characterize as a disgraceful surrender to the brewers, say this is done to recompense the brewers for the money they contributed to the Republican campaign fund in the last campaign. In Republican estimation this may be a sufficient reason for this reduction, but it isn't the kind of reduction the people expected, nor the kind contemplated in the recommendation made by the President, if he was in earnest and meant what he said. There has been no move made, nor is there any indication or probability that any will be made for a reduction of taxes which are burdensome to our industries. The tariff on paper and paper pulp is simply a tax on the paper and book publishing industries, two of the greatest in the country, for the benefit of one industry which through the favors shown it has become rich out of the tribute levied upon the industries victimized by laws passed and perpetuated by Republican statesmen.

CRUSHING ONE INDUSTRY TO HELP ANOTHER.

That's what Mr. Grout's anti-oleomargarine bill is intended to do, although those who favor that bill would not acknowledge it. It goes without saying that a tax of ten cents a pound will crush the oleomargarine business unless the makers can substitute a good article by some cheap, injurious stuff on which they could afford to pay such a tax. But this is the very thing the advocates of the Grout bill profess to guard against, assuming that most of the oleomogarine put upon the market is a noxious, health-destroying stuff. There are doubtless cheap and injurious decoctions of oleomargarine as there are of so-called butter, but the quantity of this is comparatively small. It is against this that restrictive measures should be adopted, without striking at and destroying the whole industry. The following taken from the testimony of one of the leading manufacturers of oleomargarine, before the Congressional committee tells what oleomargarine really is, and what it is composed of:

1. Oleo oil: A selected fat from beef that is obtained from the caul fat. This is the principal ingredient. This fat is thoroughly washed, thrown into a vat of ice water to remove the animal heat, then thoroughly cooked, cooled, and put into hydraulic presses, by which the oil is extracted, the residue being commercially known as stearin.

2 Neutral: This is the leaf lard of the pig. The leaf fat when taken out of the animal is thoroughly washed and put into a refrigerator, where it remains 24 hours. It is then thoroughly cooked. It is absolutely without color, being snow-white, and has neither taste nor odor. Both pigs and cattle are examined by Government inspectors before and after killing, thereby insuring protection against disease. England, France, Germany, Holland, and many other foreign countries where oleomargarine is manufactured more extensively than in the United States depend entirely upon American manufacturers for oleo oil and neutral.

3 Cotton seed oil: This ingredient is not always used; it is used in limited quartities in the medium grade. The oil is extracted from selected cotton seed and then highly refined. It is a pure sweet product, and is used quite generally for cooking purposes. Prominent chemists have asserted that it has the same qualities as and is equally digestible with the best of olive oil.

4. Milk.

5. Salt.

From a health point there isn't an ingredient herein mentioned that is injurious, either in itself or in the combination, and the only reason in the world why an effort is made to crush it is because it is thought that it interferes with the sale of the dairy product and the profits of the dairyman. And while they are doing this good butter retails at 35 cents a pound and is scarce at that.

The destruction of this industry will not only affect those who have their money invested in it, and the people who buy the oleomargarine, but the thousands of people it employs, and many others who supply the ingredients which are used in its manufacture.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Ulcers, Boils and Running Sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels; expels poisons, helps digestion and builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Every bottle guaranteed. †

WE GIVE NO REWARDS. An offer of this kind is the meanest of deceptions. Test the curative powers of Ely's Cream Balm for the cure of Catarrh, Hay Fever and Cold in the Head and you are sure to continue the treatment. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying, does not produce sneezing. It soothes and heals the membrane. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York. †

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SOMETHING ABOUT WOOL.

We clip the following from the Chattanooga *Times*:

Charleston *News and Courier*:

"Mayor Riggins, of Waco, Tex., it is noted, 'wears a suit of clothes made by a Texas tailor from wool grown in Texas and spun and woven in a Texas factory.' If all Texans followed his good example, the State would be vastly better for it. There is not one such a suit of clothes of local production, it may be added, in all South Carolina. There are about 700,000 men and boys in the State, and every mother's son of them buys and wears clothes made outside the State. However, we have our own dogs by the acre. We are independent of the world in the matter of dogs."

"Texas was the first State in the South to manufacture a good article of cassimeres, from Southern wool, Texas wool. The factory is at New Braunfels, a German village. For several years, from 1890 on, it stood idle, but is now running under a company that has leased it.

Southern enterprise in the line of higher grade of woollens has met with scant Southern support. The woollen mill at Knoxville makes a high grade cassimere, but has to sell its product, we are informed, through a Chicago agency. The North Carolina mills, that make as fine and beautiful blankets as are made in the world, sell them in Philadelphia. This ought to be changed, and we suspect that it can be changed, as to the woolens, only by making southern goods into clothing for the home market.

"The North Carolina woolen blanket is really better adapted to the northern market than to the southern. It is a very good, quite heavy and expensive article. The South needs a lighter and cheaper blanket."

It has been a matter of surprise that there are so few woollen mills in the South, and that we are practically dependent on Northern mills for the woollen goods we use. Perhaps one of the reasons for this is the poor encouragement Southern mills get in disposing of their output at home, the manufacturers finding their readiest sale North, while the probabilities are that we buy back much of these same goods after they have passed through Northern hands and these Northern hands have reaped their profit out of them.

For thirty years or more the woollen mills at Salem have been making fine qualities of cassimeres, for which we suppose they find their best market in the North, while we have heard that the blanket manufactured at Elkin is one of the finest and cheapest made in the country, considering the quality.

North Carolina produced this year something over a million pounds of wool, most of which found a market in other States.

PROPERTY VALUATIONS IN THIS STATE.

The following, which we clip from the Raleigh *Post*, shows the valuation of property in this State for this year, an increase of $8,000,000 over last year, but $10,000,000 less than the increased assessment for 1899, over the previous year.

"The increase in the assessment of 1899 over 1898 was eighteen million dollars, which shows that the increase in property values in 1900 have not been so large by ten million dollars as they were in 1898. The increase in 1899 was an unusually large one for the increase of listed taxes in 1590 over 1897 was only $2,706,040.

"The reports of listed taxes for 1890 have been received at the Auditor's office from eighty-eight counties. The eight counties that have not made returns are Granville, Greene, Wake, Harnett, Haywood, Mitchell, Surry and Vance.

Seventy of the ninety six counties in the State show an increase of $8,598,696. There are eighteen counties which show a decrease in the amount of assessment for 1900 This decrease amounts to $688.123. The net increase in the eighty eight counties, theretore, is $7,910,464. When the returns are received from the eight counties which have not yet reported, the increase in the assessment of property for 1900 will be in excess of $8,000,000.

"The county that has made the greatest increase during the past year is Durham. This county has led in increases of property valuations for several years past. The increase in the assessment of property in Durham for the year 1900 is about $700,000.

"Beaufort leads the eighteen counties that show a decrease in property valuations. The decrease in that county as shown by the official figures is $152,815. Polk county comes next with a decrease of $129,935.

"The complete figures giving property assessments by counties for the entire State will be ready for publication at an early date.

"The subject of taxation will be an important one before the approaching session of the legislature, and these figures will be given careful consideration."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The worst threat that has recently been made in Germany against the United States is the proposition to Dingleyize the German tariff. War waged on that basis would leave us helpless.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Mark Hanna, it is noted, builds great hopes for the future of his party on the partician character of many of the higher educational institutions in the North and West. He says: "Ninety-five per cent of the college boys voted for McKinley in November. This not guesswork. I know what I am talking about. We have organizations among the college men East and West, and ascertained just where they stood. Not only was every college a Republican stronghold; so was every high school."—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— The proceedings brought in November 1897, by Attorney-General Monnett of Ohio, to punish the Standard Oil Trust for contempt of court in disobeying the order issued in 1892 directing its dissolution, have been dismissed by the Supreme Court of the State through the failure of a majority of its six judges to agree on the question whether the Trust has had a reasonable time within which to wind up its affairs. Meantime, its oppressions of the people and its violations of the law have gone on and still continue without abatement, though "God reigns, and the Republican party still lives."—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

DR. PIERCE'S Favorite Prescription

"I am so grateful to you for your advice," says Mrs. Sidney B. Oakes, of Whitmell, Pittsylvania Co., Va. "When I commenced your medicines I had been treated by different doctors for three months or more, but would only receive partial relief for a short while and then would be worse than before. Was confined to my bed most of the time. At the time I commenced your treatment my left side was completely paralyzed. Had no desire to eat anything; bowels costive all the time. Nerves were all unstrung, so I could not bear the least noise. I also suffered from diseased ovaries and female weakness. But thanks to my Maker and you, after following your advice, I am able to do all my washing, sewing and house work in general. I haven't had a spasm in two months. Left off medicines about one month ago. Didn't think it necessary to continue them longer. I have taken about seven bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, seven of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and two vials of 'Pleasant Pellets.' I heartily recommend those medicines to all suffering as I was."

makes weak women STRONG, sick women WELL.

CHRISTMAS COMFORTS.

FRANK L. STANTON.

Gittin' 'long to Christmas—know it by the way
The little fellers meet me at the closin' of the day,
An' Molly gits my slippers; my pipe is in its place,
An' everybody roun' the house wears now a smilin' face!

They jest ain't no mistakin' these Christmas signs; you see,
They've all about decided that Santa Claus is me!
Here's this one breshin' off my coat—another takes my hat—
It almost seems like paradise—the place I'm livin' at!

Gittin' 'long to Christmas! That's the only way
This here chap's accountin' fer the changeby night an' day;
Killin' me with kindness!—come at beck an' call;
Really think that mebbe I'm somebody, after all!

Ef I say my head aches, house just has a fit!
Molly gits the camphor an' goes to rubbin' it!
Ef my chist is painin'—brotherin, in a breath
Here come mustard plasters to blister me to death!

Gittin' 'long to Christmas! Thank the Lord it's so!
Got to open up the safe an' let the dollars go!
An' then, it seems like Providence—jest like amazin' grace,
For everybody roun' the house wears now a smilin' face!

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— It is easier to do right than to undo wrong.

— One moment's sin may cost a lifetime's sorrow.

— Application to ideals accomplishes more than mere appreciation.

— A man's life never rises above its source, hence the need of being born from above.

— God's commandments are the iron door into Himself. To them is to have it opened, and His great heart of love revealed.—*S. W. Duffield.*

— The weakest plant may be safe in a garden, but our Lord Jesus is a hedge for protection to His week and destitute ones even in a wilderness.—*Thomas Boston.*

— Every morning is the symbol and the assurance of a new hope for everyone who has courage enough left to open his eyes and behold what a fresh day is doing for the world.

— "You are on the shady side of seventy, I expect?" was asked of an old man. "No," was the reply; "I am on the sunny side; for I am on the side nearest glory."—*Sunday Chimes.*

— Our lives do not praise the centurian for his amiable care of his servants, nor for his generosity to the Jews, nor for his public spirit, nor for his humility, but for his faith.—*Wm. Adams.*

— No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.—*Phillips Brooks.*

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: Mrs. J. M. Inman, daughter of Mr. H. G. Byrd, of Ashpole, went into Mr. Byrd's store Thursday and was looking at a pistol which was supposed to be unloaded. In some way unknown and unexplained it became discharged, the ball taking effect in her eye, causing instant death. Whether she held the pistol herself or whether it was discharged in the hands of some one else has not been ascertained.

—— If Sir Robert Hart is right, and the Chinese trouble proves a long continuing problem, it will have a bearing on the size of our army and navy. There is no doubt that we are in world politices and it appears that we are in to stay'—*Atlanta News, Dem.*

A Life and Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines, of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages, and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost $5 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation, and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Cheat and Lung troubles." Regular sizes 50 cents and $1. Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday school, 3.30 P. M. The public cordially invited.

St. Thomas' Church: First Mass 7 A. M. Vespers, sermon 7 P. M.

Services at the Seaman's Bethel this afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Bumpass, commencing at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

In the absence of Rev. P. C. Morton Dr. N. M. Wetzel, physical director at the Y. M. C. A., will fill his usual appointment at Delgado this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor. 11 A. M., "The Restorer of Souls;" 7:30 P. M., "Hours of Destiny—or Jesus and the Man up a Tree."

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets. English services to day at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Prof C. L. T. Fisher will preach morning and evening. Sunday school at 3 30 P. M.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service only at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9.45 A. M. All seats free and every person welcome.

Christian Science services at the Masonic Temple, Room 10, this morning at 11 o'clock. Subject of Bible lesson. "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Public invited.

St. James Church, third Sunday in Advent, 7:45 A. M., the holy communion; 11 A. M., morning prayer, ante-communion, sermon; 5 P. M., evening prayer. Sunday school at 3:45 P. M. Public cordially invited.

Services in St. John's Church today, third Sunday in Advent, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Holy Communion 7:45 A. N., Morning prayer. Litany and sermon, 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon, 7.45 P M.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Sanford *Express*: Miss Martha McIver died at the home of her nephew, Mr. J. Alton McIver, in Jonesboro on last Sunday night. She was the sister of the late Dr. John and D. B. McIver and was the only surviving member of that most excellent family.

— Wilson *Times*: Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock Capt. S. M. Bobbitt died after a short illness. He returned to the city Sunday night and has been sick since. This morning he was taken much worse. —— Mr. J. T. Renfrow, of Taylors, Old Fields township, had five acres of tobacco and received $760.36 for his crop.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Last Thursday night, while on his way home from Selma, Mr. Henry Rose, of O'Neal's township, fell from his cart and received such injuries that he died in a few hours. He was found on Little River Hill, near Mr. Hardy Hatcher's place, in a dying condition. The hill is very steep and it is thought his horse ran down the hill and he was thrown out. No person was with him

— Charlotte *Observer*: It is generally believed in Winston that the Hanes received about $1,000,000 for their tobacco manufacturing plants. While no figures have been given out, it is reported that P. H. Hanes & Co. received an offer of $1,000,000 for their factories and business from a Northern party a short time before the sale was made to the Reynolds Company.

— Concord *Standard*: James Howell, of Gold Hill, in jail at Salisbury, made several attempts at suicide Wednesday afternoon. A bottle of milk was given him and breaking the bottle he attempted to cut his throat artery, but could not reach it. He made an attempt to choke himself and but his life out against the cell. All failed. He was watched closely and will probably not have the means of self destruction if he does not abandon the scheme.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: A few days ago Mr. W. R. Walston brought to the *Commonwealth* five Amber Globe turnips which weighed 25 pounds. —— A colored woman named Matilda Lawrence died here a few days ago, and those who knew her well think that she must have been more than 100 years old. —— Sherrod Johnson, a colored farmer, this year made 82 bales of cotton, 300 barrels of corn and 2,000 bushels of peanuts. He cultivated 245 acres of land, and made 36 bales of cotton with wages and 46 bales with share croppers. He made 210 barrels of corn with wages and the qalance of tee 300 with share croppers, and perhaps the same proportion holds good with his peanut crop.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: Messrs. J. F. Hedrick and J. F. Brewer, of Bagdad, spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCrary, near Linwood. The went to hunt, and in less than half a day they killed 66 rabbits. —— J. A. Murphy and son, of Thomasville, were bitten by a dog, supposed to be mad, last week and were here early Monday morning to have Mr. Craver's mad stone applied to the wounds. The stone "stuck" to the man, but would take no hold on the boy. —— Mr. Chas. Leonard, a blacksmith here in Lexington, was talking with us the other day and said that in year 1899 he put on over 5,000 horse shoes During this year his record far exceeds the 5,000 mark and he confidently expects to make it 6,000 the before the end of 1000.

TWINKLINGS.

— Pauline—Percy, what is the difference between a "sanitarium" and a "sanatorium?" Well—one is a health resort—and—and—so is the other.—*Life.*

— "China is backward in everything," said the newspaper boarder. "That may be," said the tea clerk, "but John Chinaman has been wearing a shirt waist long before any other man thought of such a thing."—*Chicago News.*

— She—"The rarest fish, I believe, is the ribbon fish. It is an inhabitant of the great depths of the ocean." He—"I suppose the mermaids are very partial to this specimen."—*Yorkers Statesman.*

— Wholesale Trophy Capture: "Adelaide Skiggs has more lovely china and silver than any woman I know." "Of course; she belongs to seven euchre clubs, and sometimes plays twice a day."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "Young man, I began life as an office boy, and through long years of unremitting toil worked myself up to the top of the ladder. And now you come to me without a cent and want marry my daughter." "That's all right, sir. I am only profitting now by the mistakes you make."—*Life.*

— "What a large and elegant crowd you had at your wedding, dear!" "Did I? They were our very best people, too." "By the way, who was that tall, fine-looking man with the blond mustache?" "Oh, he was the detective papa hired to see that nobody carried away any of the costly presents."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— She—"You know that check for $100 you gave me! Well, they refused to cash it. The teller said that you only had $75 in the bank." He—"By Jove, I'm awfully sorry, dear." "Oh, it was all right. I deposited $25, and then he gave me the money."—*Life.*

WOMEN FEAR LA GRIPPE AND CATARRH.

Pe-ru-na a Reliable Protection.

MRS. THEOPHILE SCHMITT, OF CHICAGO.

Mrs. Theophile Schmitt, wife of the Ex-Secretary of the German consulate, writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman, from 3417 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Schmitt says: "I suffered this winter with a severe attack of la grippe, and having repeatedly heard of the value of Pe-ru-na in such cases I thought I would try it. I used it faithfully and began to feel a change for the better the second day, and in the course of a week I was very much improved. After using three bottles I not only found that the grippe had disappeared, but my general health was much better. I am satisfied that Pe-ru-na is a wonderful family remedy and gladly endorse it. Yours, Mrs. Theophile Schmitt."

Mrs. M. E. Wheeler, Rockford, Tenn., writes: "I am very glad to write you that I am in every way cured of catarrh with which I have been troubled for ten years or more. I feel very grateful to you for curing my catarrh, as it was a very stubborn case. I have felt no symptoms of the catarrh for over a year. If you think this letter will be of any use to suffering humanity you may use it."

Mrs. M. E. Wheeler.

La grippe is acute, epidemic catarrh. There is no remedy in the world that meets this form of catarrh as thoroughly as Pe-ru-na. During the first stages of la grippe Pe-ru-na is an unfailing remedy. People who have had la grippe and have partly recovered, but remain half sick, will find Pe-ru-na exactly suited to their case. There is no remedy devised that will so quickly and thoroughly dispel the disagreeable and serious after-effects of la grippe as Pe-ru-na.

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 15.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 37 cents per gallon for machine made casks at 36½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.40 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48¾@48c; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar steady at $1.30; crude turpentine steady at $1.50 @$2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	42
Rosin	220
Tar	211
Crude turpentine	23

Receipts same day last year.—94 casks spirits turpentine, 460 bbls rosin, 497 bbls tar, 128 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9⅜c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16 cts ₱ lb
Good ordinary	8 5-16 " "
Low middling	8 15-16 " "
Middling	9¾ " "
Good middling	9 11-16 " "

Same day last year middling steady at 7¼c.

Receipts—199 bales; same day last year, 1,498.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm; 58 to 60 cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 85 cents; upland 50@60c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 10 to 11c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Firm at 20 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 22@25 cents; springs, 12½@20 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 7 to 8c; dressed, 9 to 11c.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 35 to 40c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call was quoted nominal. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¼ for demand and 480¾@480¾ for 60 days. Posted rates 481½@483 and 485¼@486. Commercial bills 480@480½. Silver certificates 64@65. Bar silver 64. Mexican dollars 50¼. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firm. U. S. refund'g 2's reg'd, 104½; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 105; U. S. 2's, reg'd, —; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 109⅞; do. coupon, 110; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 138¼; do. coupon, 138¼; U. S. 4's, old reg'd 114¾; do. coupon, 115⅝; U. S. 5's, reg'd, 113¼; do. coupon, 113¼; Southern Railway 5's 113¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 83¼; Chesapeake & Ohio 38⅛; Manhattan L 110⅝; N. Y. Central 142⅞; Reading 24¼; do. 1st pref'd 68¾; St. Paul, 132; do. pref'd, 180; Southern Railway 19; pref'd 69⅜; American Tobacco, 109⅞; do. pref'd 130; People's Gas 100¼; Sugar 126¼; do. pref'd 115; T. C. & Iron 62⅜; U. S. Leather 13¼; do. preferred 74¾; Western Union 85⅞. Standard Oil 813@815.

BALTIMORE, December 15.—Seaboard, common, 10¾@11; preferred 28½@29c. Bonds—4's 73@73½c.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $1 70@1 75. Spirits turpentine dull at 40¼@41c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 15.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 15.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37½c; sales 757 casks; receipts 1,053 casks; exports 61 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 689 barrels; receipts 4,681 barrels; exports 4,055 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The cotton market opened steady with prices two to five points lower, in sympathy with an unexpected reaction in Liverpool, following a full response by that market to our advance of late yesterday. Sellers were scarce on the call and almost immediately following the start, shorts nervously bid for large lines of January and March. Winter houses took this as a cue that the market would advance, should real support of investment make development and were soon actively leading up the list in general. Before the end of the first hour, the market had not only regained the opening loss but was several points above the close of last night and surprisingly firm in tone. The January option was strong and relatively higher than the rest of the list. Heavy receipts at the ports failed to in any way check the early buying movement which spread to all branches of the trade. The Southern and the foreign contingents were generous buyers after the course of the market became positively determined. Wall street was inclined to hold aloof for a time, but later became closely identified with the bull movement. Trading was slow around the opening but quite active during the last hour. Profit taking did not materially retard the upward trend of values; but caused a reaction near the close. The market closed barely steady with prices net three to eight points higher.

NEW YORK Dec. 15.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 10½c.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 9.77, January 9.61, February 9.46, March 9.42, April 9 37, May 9 32, June 9.29, July 9.27, August 9 01, September 8.42, October 8.05.

Spot cotton closed quiet at ⅛c higher; middling uplands 10⅛c; middling gulf 10⅜c; sales — bales.

Net receipts 946 bales; gross receipts 6,597 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,875 bales; exports to the Continent 6,763 bales; stock 54,540 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 48,849 bales; exports to Great Britain 27,971 bales; exports to France 8,150 bales; exports to the Continent 12,373 bales; stock—not received.

Consolidated—Net receipts 48,849 bales; exports to Great Britain 27,971 bales; exports to France 8,130 bales; exports to the Continent 12,373 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,010,656 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,498,389 bales; exports to France 320,355 bales; exports to the Continent 1,012,908 bales.

December 15.—Galveston, steady at 9 5-16, net receipts 15,350 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9¾c, net receipts 2,661 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 10c, net receipts 1,377 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9¾, net receipts 199 bales; Philadelphia, firm a 10¾; net receipts 176 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9¾c, net receipts 6,332 bales; New Orleans, very firm at 9¾c, net receipts 13,729 bales; Mobile, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 888 bales; Memphis, steady at 9¼, net receipts 3,851 bales; Augusta, steady at 9 9 16c, net receipts 2,001 bales; Charleston, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 493 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Flour inactive and nominal as to quotations, closing easy. Minnesota patents $3 95@4 20; winter extras $3 60@3 90. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 78¼c. f. o. b. afloat. Options opened steady and were sustained throughout most of the forenoon by a scarcity of sellers, steady cables and scattered buying by local shorts. Closed steady at unchanged prices. March closed 79¼c; May closed 78⅞c; December closed 77c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 45½c at elevator. Options were upheld by further unsatisfactory grading of Chicago arrivals, together with better cables, the steadiness in wheat and local covering. Closed dull and unchanged. January closed 43¼c; May closed 42c; December closed 44¼c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 3 27½c. Options inactive but steady. Lard dull; Western steam $7 50; refined steady; continent $7 60; South American $8 25; compound 5⅞@6c. Pork quiet; family $15 00@16 00; short clear $16 00@17 00; mess $12 00@13 00. Butter quoted weak; Western creamery 18@25½c; State dairy 16@24c. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania 28@29c at mark, for average lots; Western regular packing 23@26c. Cheese strong; fancy large, fall made 11¼@11½c; small fancy, fall made 11¾@12c. Petroleum—Market dull; refined New York $7 35; Philadelphia and Baltimore $7 20; do. in bulk $4 65. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 5c. Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra 8⅞@6¼c; Japan 4¾@4⅞c. Cabbage quiet; Long Island, per 100, $3 00@4 50. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 18c. Potatoes quiet; Jersey $1 00@1 37½; New York $1 25@1 62½; Long Island $1 50@1 75; Jerseys sweets $1 75@2 75. Tallow quiet; city ($2 per package) 4¼c; country 4⅞@5¼c. Cotton seed oil quiet and fairly steady. Prime crude in barrels, 28c, nominal; prime summer yellow 30½c; off summer yellow 30c; prime white 34@35; prime winter yellow 36½@37; prime meal $25 00. Coffee—Spot Rio weak; No. 7 invoice 7c nominal; mild quiet; Cordova 9¾@12¼c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 29 32c; centrifugal, 96 test 4 13 32c; molasses sugar 3 21 32c; refined quiet—standard A $5 40; confectioners' A $5 40; mould A $5 85; cut loaf $6 00; crushed $6 00; powdered $5 70; granulated $5 60; cubes $5 57.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Grain and provisions markets were notable only for their dullness to-day. Wheat closed unchanged, corn ½c. lower, oats a shade down and provisions a shade to 2½c. depressed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Cash quotations: Flour dull; winter patents $3 65@3 80; winter straights $3 10@3 60; winter clears $2 90@3 30; spring specials $4 30; do. patents $3 40@3 85; bakers $2 20@2 75; straights $3 00@3 40. Wheat—No. 2 spring —; No. 3 spring 66@71c; No. 2 red 73¼@74¼c. Corn—No. 2, 37c. Oats—No 2 22½@23¼c; No. 2 white 25½@26½c; No. 3 white 24¾@26c. Pork, per barrel, $11 12½@11 25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 12½@7 25. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, $5 87½@6 12½. Short clear sides, boxed $6 65@7 75. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 70, 70¼, 69¾@69¾, 70@70½c; January 70¾@70¾, 70⅝@70¾, 70¾, 70½; May 73¼, 73¼, 73½, 73½c. Corn—December 37, 37¼, 37, 37½; January 35⅜, 35⅝@35¾, 35¼, 35¼; May 36, 36½, 35¾, 35⅝c. Oats—December 21½, 21¾, 21½, 21½; May 23⅝@23¾, 23¾, 23¾, 23⅝. Pork, per bbl—January $12 25, 12 30, 12 25, 12 25; May $12 15, 12 17½, 11 12½, 12 12½. Lard, per 100 lbs.—December $7 20, 7 20, 7 15, 7 17½; January $6 90, 6 90, 6 87½, 6 87½; May $6 95, 6 95, 6 92½, 6 92½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 25, 6 27½, 6 25, 6 25; May $6 35, 6 37½, 6 32½, 6 35c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 15, 1 P. M.—Cotton—Spot, limited demand; prices 1-32d higher; American middling fair, 5 13 16c; good middling 5½d; middling 5 13 32d; low middling 5 7-32d; good ordinary 4 31-32d;

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THE INCONVENIENCE OF BEING MISTAKEN FOR A LORD.

With Two Pairs of Ears and Possibly Two Lives at Stake and No Ransom In Sight, the Captives Decided It Was Time For Business.

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If an American wants to go abroad on a cash capital of $500, there is no law to prevent, even if he is a newspaper man who has saved and economized for six or seven years to get that much wealth together. When I started out with my friend Gillam, who was an artist instead of a journalist, and had $50 less capital as well, we took steerage passage on a steamer and planned to do Europe on foot and avoid all extravagances. As to how we got along until we struck Greece and a certain event happened is of no great consequence. We tramped here and there, ate, slept and had a fairly good time.

From Athens we went on a tramp up the country, viewing tombs and ruins by the way, and after putting in two days at Marathon we started out one morning for a hamlet called Histrophus. We were first met by about a dozen dogs of all sizes, ages and colors, and each one a worse looking dog than the one who came after. After we had clubbed the pack off we were charged down upon by nine children of various sizes and ages, all of whom needed soap and water. They rallied around us for small coin, and not getting any they fell back and gave four women a chance. We got rid of the latter to encounter three men, one of whom could speak a little English. They were dirty, ragged villains, who did not hesitate to threaten us, and not a word could we get out of them about the ruins until we had come down with backsheesh. Gillam started out after a bit to do some sketching, while I found a place to take a nap, and the inhabitants of Histrophus finally got out of breath begging for coins and trying to get us to buy a skeleton old goat for $2 and went back to their flea infested huts.

At the end of two hours I was awakened by some one giving me a smart kick on the hip, and I roused up to see that we had been taken prisoners by four brigands. The fellows had come down off the mountains, about four miles away, having probably been notified by a messenger from the village. I have many times read of the picturesque Greek brigands, but the four who gobbled us up that day must have gone out of the picturesque business some weeks previous. They were a ragged, ugly lot, no better than the men of the village, and we were far more disgusted with their breaths than afraid of their knives. The leader spoke English fairly well, and I have always felt grateful to him on that account. All leaders of Greek brigands should learn three or four languages before proceeding to business, as it is a great help toward an understanding about identity, money matters and so forth. It was the leader who had kicked me, which I have always taken as a compliment, and as I sat up he saluted me and said:

"My lord, you will please consider yourself a prisoner and come along without resistance."

"But don't make any mistake on me," I replied. "As near as I can make out from this short range you are brigands."

"I am Bobetto," he said as he laid his hand on his heart and bowed low.

"Excuse me that I never heard of you before. You are a brigand and in it for money, and this is your band?"

"My lord is correct."

"Now, about this lord business. Let us have an understanding. Who do you take me for?"

"An English lord, my lord. I have been expecting you for several days. The name I cannot pronounce, but I know you to be the gentleman. Have no fears for your safety, as it will be a case of ransom."

"This is kind of you. If you take me for an English lord, who do you make this other chap to be?"

"Your companion, sir. His name I heard, but cannot give it. He will also be held for ransom."

Then we started off to the west. The particular retreat of this band was half way up a mountain, and consisted of two brush huts and a fire in front of them. We were in no manner ill used. They could have robbed us of our few dollars and personal property, but they did not even search us for weapons. As soon as we had arrived at the huts, however, Bobetto brought out stationery and commanded me to write to the English minister at Athens and obtain the sum of $30,000. Both Gillam and I burst out laughing at this demand, and after a little I said to the leader:

"Of what use to play the fool in this matter? As I told you before, we are Americans, and poor men at that. We can raise about $200 apiece, but not another cent, and if you take that we shall have to turn brigands and compete with you in business."

"You may be Americans, but you are my lord just the same," replied Bobetto.

"But there are no titles in America. If I should write to the American minister, he would take it as a joke. You haven't got a soft snap in this thing, old fellow. Had you got hold of Rockefeller, Gould or Vanderbilt you might have made a raise and bought a garlic factory, but we are almost down to hardpan. Sorry for you, but you can't always hit it, even in the brigand business."

"But you must write," persisted the wooden headed rascal. "You must write to the American minister that if he does not send us $10,000 by our messenger your ears will be sent him in a package!"

I read the letter to Bobetto after it was written, and he was perfectly satisfied that it would fetch the cash in reply. It was sent off by a messenger, who would be gone at least ten days, and then we went into "retirement." It is the rule with all brigands who have a prisoner on hand to lie low and take no chances. I thought it well to prepare this gang for a disappointment, and when the messenger had departed I told them that he would only have the journey for nothing.

"It cannot be for nothing," grimly replied Bobetto as he brought out a knife and felt of its edges. "If no money comes, then your ears go to Athens! If they fail to bring it, then we will send on your heads!"

Sentinels were posted on the hills around to prevent a surprise, and we had nothing to do but loaf about. Bobetto thought he knew the game of poker, and it was for us to undeceive him. In three days Gillam and I had won every cent he had. We offered to put up $200 against our ears, but the brigand assured us with great dignity that it wasn't regular. About once a day I thought it my duty to inform Bobetto that we were moneyless Americans and that there was nothing in it for him, and he always replied to me with a lift of the eyebrows and a shrug of the shoulders and the words:

"Time will tell, my lord; time will tell. It has happened that I have had to send ears and head to Athens before."

For the first five days of our captivity we were closely guarded, and there could be no thought of escape. Then, as we appeared to make ourselves at home, the vigilance of the brigands was relaxed. While only four had been concerned in our capture, there were really six in the band. One of them had a broken leg, and the other was acting as a nurse. Two sentinels were always stationed at points half a mile away, and occasionally a brigand fell asleep during the day. I think it was on the eighth day and at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the brigand nurse was sent for provisions. As two were acting as sentinels and a third was lying helpless, this left only two men to deal with. One of these was Bobetto, and he sat with his back to a rock dozing with the heat of the day. Gillam was lying on his back, while I was looking carelessly at a Greek newspaper. All of a sudden the artist sat up and whispered to me:

"Let's end this right here and now! You tackle the leader, and I'll go for the other fellow!"

The "other fellow" was at the fire heaping the brands together. We rose up in unison and made the attack. I gave old Bobetto a kick on the jaw which knocked him over and caused doleful howls, and Gillam hit his man such a blow on the neck as to render him unconscious for half an hour. There were two guns in camp, and we seized them and made for the highway, only a mile distant. Before departing I gave the leader a tap on the head to quiet his yells, and so far as I know we were not followed a rod. We reached the highway just in time to get a lift in a passing cart and in a couple of hours were in Marathon. As to the letter, it was delivered at the consulate, but was looked upon as a joke and the messenger sent off empty handed. We might have lost our ears on his return, but were not there to have them sliced off. Bobetto died two years later, as I read in the papers, and it is said that he was badly disfigured by a broken jaw—the one "my lord" gave him with an American calfskin shoe. M. QUAD.

Walt Whitman's Pride.

Whitman's grandmother was a Quaker, and the bard had been all his life used, Quaker fashion, to sitting in the house with his sombrero on if it suited him to do so. One day, with a friend, he entered the gloomy and half empty precincts of Trinity church, New York, and took a back seat in the obscurity and for a moment forgot to remove his hat or was probably just about to do so when an officious verger stepped up and requested him to take it off.

Walt, a man of immense pride, not seeing fit to do so instantaneously or being very slow in his mental processes, was taking the matter into consideration for a second when the verger knocked the offending hat off his head. Walt picked up the huge felt and, doubling it together, smote the fellow vigorously twice or thrice with it on the head and slowly left the church, the red faced sexton following and threatening him with the law.—Boston Transcript.

Crosses and Thieves.

Several years after the close of the civil war a reception was held in Lynchburg, Va., to commemorate some national event, says V. Halsey in Lippincott's Magazine. Many men were there assembled who had fought in the war. Among them was a major of a Massachusetts regiment, who, meeting General Jubal Early of the Confederate army, cordially greeted him.

Pointing to his own decorations, the major said, "Ah, general, you see we have all the crosses now."

"Yes," replied the old general. "In olden times they hung thieves on crosses. Now they hang crosses on thieves."

The Missionary's Ruse.

Cannibal King—Bring on the big griddle and let's roast this fellow.

Captured Missionary—O king, but give me a dose of quinine before I die! You see, I am a victim of the habit. I consume three ounces of quinine every 24 hours.

Cannibal King—I pass this fellow up. I can still taste that quinine fiend we roasted two months ago. Ugh!—Ohio State Journal.

After the Honeymoon.

She—You married me for spite.

He—Well, if any one heard you talking to me nowadays he'd say I hadn't married in vain.—Syracuse Herald.

Wonders of New Hampshire.

The average reader will be amazed to learn that little New Hampshire, with less than 10,000 square miles, has no less than 406 lakes and ponds, 154 brooks, 58 rivers and 294 mountains. This makes Iowa look small. Colorado, a big state, has 556 creeks. Texas has comparatively few rivers, lakes and creeks. Alabama has 663 creeks and 87 rivers. Iowa cannot approach that record. Minnesota has 222 lakes and 140 rivers.—New York Press.

A QUESTION OF TIME.

Concerning an Event Which Occurred About a Thousand Years Ago.

He had been told in the business office where he would find the literary editor, but by some mistake he got into the stall of the horse editor, and he approached that equine wonder with the sinuous grace and insidious movement of a young person with a poem concealed somewhere about his person which he was hoping the editor would discharge at the public. But he had no such sinister designs. However, we are getting ahead of our story.

"I beg your pardon," he murmured to the horse editor. "Can I speak to you for a moment?"

"Certainly," replied the equine wonder, pulling up his pencil till he threw it back on its haunches.

"Oh, thank you!" gurgled the caller. "You know, I am so afraid that I may disturb the current of your thought. You must be very busy always."

"Well, yes," admitted the equine wonder. "I am kept on the jump. But a man has got to go, you know, if he expects to win."

"Oh, yes, I presume he does, but I should think that excessive labor would rather dull the keen edge of your wit."

"It does. But I've got to hit that much harder licks, don't you see?" said the horse editor, laughing at his happy turn to the caller's remark.

"I presume you have, and—but I will not detain you, though it is perfectly delightful to me to be in this atmosphere, don't you know," said the visitor longingly. "You will kindly not mention the circumstances of my call, I am sure," continued the visitor, "but I have been asked for an article on the 'Literature of the Oriental Races,' and I confess to you that I am rather ignorant of portions of the subject, and I thought you would be sure to know, so I came to ask you to tell me what was the time of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam."

"Of what?" exclaimed the horse editor, dropping his pencil.

"The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam," repeated the visitor distinctly.

"Aren't you mistaken?" asked the horse editor, reaching up for a copy of Track Statistics.

"Oh, no."

"Well, I'm a ringer if I ever heard of a horse of such a name," said the horse editor emphatically, "and I know there's nobody named Khayyam owning a stable in this country."

By this time the visitor was holding himself up by clutching the desk with both hands.

"Aren't you the literary editor?" he managed to whisper.

"Well, hardly," laughed the equine wonder. "I'm the horse editor."

"Oh!" was all the visitor could utter, and he fairly fled out of the place.

"That's a horse on him," smiled the equine wonder and once more resumed his labors.—Washington Star.

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Foreclosure Sale.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Mortgage bearing date of July 21st, 1900, executed by Henry Green and wife, Mary, to the Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county in Book 28 page 409 et seq., the undersigned will expose for sale, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1900, at 12 o'clock M. the following described property situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and bounded and described as follows:

First Lot—Beginning in the northern line of Wooster street one hundred (100) feet westwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, and running thence eastwardly along said northern line of Wooster street fifty (50) feet, thence northwardly parallel with Ninth street one hundred and ten (110) feet, thence westwardly parallel with Wooster street fifty (50) feet, thence southwardly parallel with Ninth street one hundred and ten (110) feet to the northern line of Wooster street, the point of beginning. The same being part central portions of Lots 5 and 6, Block 67, according to the official plan of said city of Wilmington.

Second Lot—Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh street 66 feet south of the southern line of Ann street, runs thence south with the eastern line of Seventh street 33 feet, thence east parallel with Ann street 135 feet to Wilson street, thence north with the western line of Wilson street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Ann street 135 feet to the beginning; being northwestern part of Lot No. 2 Block 119, according to the plans of said city of Wilmington.

Dated this 12th November, 1900.

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DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 42—Passenger—Due Magnolia 12.10 P. M., Warsaw 12.34 P. M., Goldsboro 12.51 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Battleboro 1.43 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.35 P. M., Petersburg 5.41 P. M., Richmond 7.25 P. M., Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 4.55 A. M., New York 8.53 A. M., Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 9.35 P. M., Warsaw 9.49 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.28 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 5.33 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.30 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 6.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.50 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.12 P. M., Columbia 10.33 P. M., Denmark 3.55 A. M., Augusta 7.50 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.30 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2.45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.45 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York *2.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.50 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 3.55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.45 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.55 P. M., Petersburg 7.35 P. M., †Norfolk 3.00 P. M., Weldon 9.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 9.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.02 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M. Columbia 6.49 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M. P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M. Marion 9.15 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Hope Mills 10.15 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.42 P. M., Maxton 6.12 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10.18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.58 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.50 A. M., arrives Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 3.20 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 5.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.03 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.20 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.38 P. M., 7.45 P. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M., 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. arrive 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.31 A. M., Dillon 10.43 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.06 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.32 P. M., Latta 6.42 P. M., Pee Dee 7.05 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.15 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.25 P. M., Manning 8.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., †7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M., †4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; †5.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.40 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.35 P. M., Bennettsville 9.52 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16.

REVENUE REDUCTION BILL

Passed the House of Representatives. The Amendment to Tax Express Receipts Was Defeated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, December 15.—Only routine business was transacted by the Senate to-day in open session. At 12.25 the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was taken up in secret session. The Senate adjourned at 2 45.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day passed the War Revenue Reduction bill. The opposition sought to recommit the bill with instructions to report back a measure reducing the revenue at least $70,000,000 and including a provision for an income tax so drawn as to escape an adverse decision of the Supreme Court. The motion failed—131 to 155. Thereupon, the bill was passed without the concurrence of the minority, who refrained from voting. The amendment placed in the bill yesterday to tax express receipts was defeated on an aye and nay vote in the House—125 to 139.

The Pension Appropriation bill, carrying $145 145,230, was passed in exactly thirteen minutes.

Robert Wilcox, the delegate from Hawaii, was sworn in immediately after the approval of the journal. After the oath had been administered many members came forward to congratulate Mr. Wilcox.

The House Committee on Census began its consideration of the Reapportionment bill to day and by a vote of six to five expressed a preference for leaving the representation of the House of Representatives at 357, as at present. This vote was not considered final, however, as several members were not present, but was taken mainly as a preliminary test of the sentiment of members.

SIX DAYS BICYCLE RACE

Won by the American Team—Distance Covered by the Winners 2,628 Miles and Seven Laps.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Before nearly twenty thousand people jammed into every available corner of the great Madison Square Garden, Harry Elkes, of Glenn Falls, N Y., and Floyd Mac Farland, of San Jose, Cal., the American team, won the six-days international bicycle race by a wheel's length, from Burns Pierce of Boston, and Archie McEachern of Toronto, the Canadian team. Cæsar Sima, of Paris, and Jean Gougoliz, of Monte Carlo, the French team, were a third of a lap away. The distance covered by the winners was 2,628 miles and seven laps, this being 104 miles and seven laps behind the record of Miller and Waller made last year. Karl Kaser and Fitz Ryser, of Berlin, the German team, were given fourth place, with 2,586 miles and four laps to their credit, they having retired from the track about two hours before the close of the race being satified that they could not possibly cover the forty-two miles and three laps that lays between them and the leading team. Michael Frederick, of Paris, and Jean Fisher, of Paris, took fifth place with 2 532 miles. They drew out at 7 o'clock tonight. Frank Waller, Boston, and W. C. Stinson, of Boston, gave up just before three o'clock this morning content with sixth position and 2,308 miles and one lap.

Elkes and McFarland get $1,500 in cash and the world's championship; Pierce and McEachern get $1,000; Simar and Gougoliz, $800; Kaser and Ryser, $500; Fischer and Frederick, $300; Waller and Stinson, $200; Babcock and Aronson, $120; in all $4 500. In addition to this a considerable sum will be distributed as bonus money to those who made a serious contest in the race, but were obliged to withdraw on account of accident or other good cause.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Queen Victoria's Speech—House of Commons—Stinging Remarks on Treatment of Women in South Africa.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 15.—Parliament was dismissed to-day, until the middle of February, with the reading of the shortest of the Queen's speeches. It was follows:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the expenses incurred by the operations of my armies in South Africa and China."

The proceedings to-day in the House of Commons were a repetition in miniature of the debates of the brief session. The funds wanted for South Africa were finally voted after the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Brodrick, had given assurance that the government, during recess, would cordially co-operate with General Kitchener in an endeavor to end the war.

Particularly stinging were the remarks of John Bryn Roberts, Liberal member of the South Fifian division of Carnarvonshire. He declared that the British treatment of the women of South Africa was an outrage on civilization and that it was blasphemy to hold Christian services in St. Paul's in connection with the return of Lord Roberts while there were such proceedings in South Africa.

Mr. Brodrick hotly denounced Mr. Bryn-Roberts' charges, asserting that it was criminal to make allegations which could not be proved, but which, however, would be telegraphed to South Africa to increase the discontent existing there. He held up Mr. Bryn-Roberts to the censure and reprobation of nearly every member of the House of Commons. These remarks were greeted with cheers.

The House Committee on Library reported favorably a bill for a monument to General Andrew Lewis, continental hero, to be erected at or near Salem, Roanoke county, Va., and appropriated $5,000 for the same.

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FIERCE FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Capture Nearly Six Hundred Officers and Men of Clements' Command.

CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY.

Gen. Kitchener Says the Boers Suffered Severely—Boer Force Under DeWet Now Said to Be 3,000 Strong. Other Engagements.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 15.—Lord Kitchener reports that eighteen officers and five hundred and fifty men are missing from General Clements' force. They consist of four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Judging from the message these were captured by the Boers. General Clements' casualties, December 13th, amounted to five officers and nine men killed and apparently many wounded. Lord Kitchener's message to the War Office is as follows:

"*Pretoria, December 14.*—Clements brought in his force to Con mando Nek unopposed. The casualties were, I regret to say, heavy—killed, five officers and nine of other ranks; missing, 18 officers and five hundred and fifty-five of other ranks. These latter were four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who were stationed on the hill, and some yeomanry and other details sent up to support them. Names and the nature of wounds are being telegraphed from Cape Town.

"Broadwood's brigade took no part in the engagement. The Boers suffered severely. Knox drove DeWet north to the Thabanchu-Ladybrand line, which was held by our troops. DeWet's force, about 3,000 strong, made several attempts to get through during the day, assisted by a force of Boers operating from the north. These attacks were driven back, though some of the Boers from the south were able to get through the line."

Wiring later, December 14th, Lord Kitchener reports that while passing the lines in the neighborhood of Thabanchu, DeWet's force lost considerably. The South Africa light horse and Thorneycroft's mounted infantry captured a fifteen pounder, taken at DeWet's dorp, a pompon, several wagons with ammuiition, twenty two prisoners and some horses and mules. A portion of the enemy has not been able to pass north.

LONDON, December 15.—Lord Kitchener, under date of December 15th, reports to the War Office from Pretoria as follows:

"Clements has come to see me. He says the four companies of the Northumberlands held out on the hill as long as their ammunition lasted. The Boer force attacking the hill was 2,000 strong, while another force of 1,000 attacked Clements' camp. By 6.20 A. M. the hill was carried. Reinforcements of one company of Yorkshires failed to reach the top. Clements' retirement was carried out with regularity, but as many native drivers bolted, a considerable amount of transportation was lost. All their ammunition not taken away was destroyed. He reports that all behaved very well.

"Broadwood has gone to Rustenberg and supports Oliphant's Nek, which has been reinforced.

The Feeling in England.

LONDON, December 15 —The astounding and utterly unexpected reverse of the British at the Magaliesberg, the news of which was broken to the nation exactly one year after General Buller's defeat at Colenso, effectually disposes of any hope that the war in South Africa is nearly ended and completely abates the myth that the operations there were merely of a guerilla nature. As Mr. Lloyd-George (Liberal) said in the House of Commons to-day:

"This is one of the most severe reverses suffered by the British, and it is quite evident the war will drag on for many months to come. DeWet is making England the laughing stock of the world. We have 210,000 men in the field, yet we are unable to protect ourselves from disaster at the hands of small commandos drawn from a pastoral population."

The extent of the reverse and the disgrace of such a large body of men surrendering to a small contingent of Boers has created a feeling of shame and astonishment, which finds free vent. With somewhat cruel coincidence the Northumberlands are known as the "fighting Fifth." The second battalion, to which the captured companies belong, was one of the heaviest sufferers at Stormberg a year ago. The regiment has often been pronounced by home and foreign critics to be one of the finest in the British army.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

One Man Killed and Four Others Injured Near Murray, Ind.--Serious Collision on the Pennsylvania Road.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DES MOINES, IOWA, December 15.—News was received here to-night that an engine, twelve cars and five men plunged down a fifty foot embankment on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway near Murray, Iowa, to day. John Dozel was killed and the four other men, names unknown, were badly hurt, two probably fatally. A trestle gave way under the train's weight.

ALTOONA, Pa., Decembe 15.—One man was killed and thirteen persons were injured to night as a result of a rear end collision on the Pennsylvania road at Kittaning Point between an engine and a cabin car at the end of the freight train. The victims of the wreck were train men who were beating their way from Pittsburg to spend Sunday at their homes in this city,

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Ex-Capt. Prince, of Norfolk Police Force, Who Killed Chas. J. Cannon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA. December 15.—After a full week of legal battling the trial of Michael H. Prince, ex-captain of the Norfolk police force, for the murder of Charles J. Cannon, on August 3rd, ended this afternoon with a verdict of not guilty.

The crime for which Prince was tried was the open killing of Cannon on August 3rd, in the areaway of the custom house building. Evidence showed that Cannon had been intimate with Prince's wife. It was Cannon's wife who first told Prince of the intimacy between her husband and his wife.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

HAY-PAUNCFOTE TREATY.

Another Effort in Senate Executive Session to Set a Day for a Final Vote on the Treaty.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senor Lodge, in charge of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, to-day made another effort in the executive session of the Senate to get a day for a final vote on the treaty and the amendmets to it which have been suggested by various Senators; and while he did not succeed he received considerable encouragement in that direction.

The proceedings to day consisted of a brief speech by Senator Teller, in which he suggested the substitution of the word "abrogate" for the word "supersede" in the first of the amendments reported yesterday by the Committee on Foreign Relations, the effect being to declare the Clayton Bluewer treaty abrogated in express terms. He then made an argument in support of the suggestion, contending that any nation has a right to abrogate a treaty into with another nation. He entered said if the committee intended the old treaty to be abrogated that word should be used.

When Mr. Teller concluded Mr. Lodge renewed his efforts to get a time fixed for a vote. Senator Morgan stated that if the time should be named for a vote on the treaty he would insist also that there should be an understanding that a vote be taken on the Nicaragua canal bill at the same time. When, however, Senator Lodge, after an intermission renewed his suggestion for fixing a time, Senator Morgan said nothing further about a vote on the canal bill.

SPECIAL SERVICES

To Be Held in Catholic Churches on the Close of the Nineteenth Century.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—It is learned at the Papal legation that coincident with the close of the Nineteenth century, every archbishop and bishop in the United States, as well as elsewhere, is expected by Pope Leo to pontificate publicly at a midnight service in his cathedral, provided there are no impediments to interfere with the programme. As some of the American sees have two prelates laboring in conjuction, it is expected that while the archbishop of the dioocese officiates at his cathedral in person on this solemn occasion, the coadjutor prelate, or assistant, will conduct a similar service at the church which he governs as pastor.

DETERMINED HE SHALL HANG.

Lynchers After a White Man in Jail Under Sentence of Death for Murder.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 15.—At Westville this morning a daring attempt was made to lynch Charles Haverson, a young white man confined in the jail under sentence of death for murdering a prominent merchant named Ammons several months ago. The mob was composed of nearly a thousand people. The sheriff and citizens made impassioned appeals for the life of Haverson, and the mob finally agreed to disperse on condition that if the Supreme Court should grant a new trial and a change of venue the people would be given notice when Haverson was to be taken from the county.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mrs. Catherine Olivia Brice, widow, of Calvin S. Brice, died yesterday at her residence in New York city.

Emperor William has awarded the Queen of Portugal a life-saving medal, for recently saving the life of a German marine.

The 20th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in session at Louisville adjourned *sine die* after selecting the city of Scranton, Pa., for next year's convention.

John Addison Porter, formerly private secretary to President McKinley, died yesterday at his residence in Putnam, Conn. He had been sick several weeks.

Advices received from Demerara announce the arrest in Carracas, Venezeula, of fifty six prominent Venezeulans, on the charge of plotting a new revolution.

A Paris dispatch says: The purification of Paris by the police continues. During the last two nights 987 arrests were made. A few of the prisoners were released.

Selma Schnapks, the woman who attempted to kill Emperor William November 18th, by throwing a hatchet at him, has been definitely installed in an asylum for the insane at Breslan.

After a stormy passage, during which several lives were lost, the squadron of German warships commanded by Prince Henry of Prussia, has arrived at Kiel, from Norway.

J. H. Barrett, general superintendent of transportation of the Southern Railway has resigned. Mr. Barrett will leave the Southern in January, and will identify himself with an important Northern line.

The captain of the port, Young, at Havana, has received five bids for the removal of the United States warship Maine. The bids have not been made public but the removal of the wreck is assured.

As a result of a mysterious case of poisoning at Forsythe mines, near Marietta, Ohio, four persons are dead, three are dying and two others are seriously ill. It is supposed poison had been placed in their food.

The official report of the finances of the Paris Exposition show a loss of two million francs. The total expenditure is 116,500.000 francs. The receipts were to 114,500,000 francs. The loss is less than in the case of the preceding expositions.

Among the nominations sent by the President to the Senate yesterday was that of James E. Boyd, of North Carolina, to be United States district judge for the Western district of North Carolina, which appointment was made during the recess of Congress.

The military department of Porto Rico ceased to exist at noon yesterday with General Davis' departure on the transport Crook for Newport News. The American colony turned out en masse and gave General Davis an ovation.

Temporary organization of the Brunswick and Birmingham Railroad Company was perfected yesterday. The entire capital stock of $6,650,000 was subscribed by local parties and representatives of New England capitalists. The preliminary survey starts Tuesday.

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BRITISH TROOPS ATTACK BOXERS.

Col. Tullock's Expedition After Hidden Treasure Twenty Miles from Pekin.

CHINESE TOWN CAPTURED.

Forty Boxers Killed, a Number Wounded and Many Captured—No Treasure Was Found--Chinese Force Approaching Pekin.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, December 15.—The British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, has received a communication to the effect that at present he is not authorized to sign the joint note. He expects definite instructions to-morrow.

The Germans report that their detachment at Ho Si Wu was attacked while foraging. They killed thirteen and wounded twenty Chinese. The Germans had four men wounded.

Colonel Tullock has returned here. He reports having had an exciting experience. His detachment was fired upon eight miles from Pekin. He could not discover the assailants as they used smokeless powder and modern guns. He camped for the night at a place called Kao Li Ying, eighteen miles from here, meeting with slight opposition, but he was informed he would be attacked the next day by Boxers from Deh Hal Ying, and sent for reinforcements. Fifty men under Lieutenant McPherson, of the 26th Beluchistan regiment, were sent to his assistance. Immediately after their arrival Tullock attacked the town, which had to be entered by the use of scaling ladders. In the attack McPherson distinguished himself. He led the scaling party, which reached the town, jumped down into the place and emptied his revolver, killing five men. He then drew his sword and defended himself until his men arrived in force and saved him from impending death.

Colonel Tullock speaks highly of the lieutenant's action. He says he believes he did a deed which merits the Victoria cross, in his jump to what was apparently certain death, in order to let his men who were coming up the ladder arrive. Fortunately, the Chinese had only a few carbines and were bad shots and none of the British troops was wounded during the fight. Forty Boxers were killed, a number were wounded and many were captured and brought to Pekin. Owing to the killing of the informer no treasure was obtained.

Tullock says the people of Pekin do not realize the contempt in which they are held in the country districts. He adds that one of the wounded Chinamen said while dying: "You can kill me, but you cannot kill the Boxer movement, which will exist until every foreign devil in China is killed."

The French report the approach on the Chinese Imperial city of ten thousand men from Pao Ting Fu; their garrison, fifteen miles west, being attacked by the advance guard. They have appealed to Li Hung Chang and demand that he prevent the march of these troops, owing to the peace negotiations.

The railroad opening, which was to have taken place to day, has been postponed, owing to the road not being ready for traffic.

Prince Ching's Statement.

PARIS, December 15.—A special to the *Temps*, from Shanghai, says Prince Ching denies the statement that the Chinese court will return to Pekin. He is also quoted as saying China will pay a yearly indemnity, but will not make a loan.

Cattleman or Gambler.

"One day last fall," said a well known Montana capitalist, "I was riding on a train in my state and got to be on pretty fair terms with the train boy by buying a few of the things he had to sell. It was not a very formal kind of a train, and when the boy had finished his rounds he came over to sit with me and 'chin a bit,' as he said. I was willing enough, as he was a sharp lad and there was nobody else to talk to, and he went right at things.

"'Do you know,' he said, 'that I can tell by looking at a man mighty near what he is. Now, there's that fellow over there in the corner; he's a Chicago drummer. I can tell him by the way he lets his money go and the flip style he has when he talks to people. And that chap over there with the silk hat on; he's a preacher from a country town, I'm dead sure, and I'll go ask him if you say so.'

"I didn't say so because I didn't care a continental, and the boy went on with his descriptions of the people on the train. At last I asked him what he thought I was. I had on a pretty flashy suit of light stuff and was thinking I was looking pretty well, so I was willing to risk the boy's venture. He looked me over for a full minute very carefully.

"'Well,' he said at last, 'you've got a sloo of money, but I ain't dead sure whether you are a cattleman or a gambler.'"—Washington Star.

The Center of the Earth.

Of late years the general view has been that the interior of the globe, though partly liquid, is for the most part solid. Some have considered that a section through the earth would show the following:

(1) An outer solid envelope, (2) a semifluid envelope, (3) a fluid envelope, (4) a smelfluid envelope, (5) a solid nucleus. No. 1 results from a reduced temperature only, No. 2 from a pressure and temperature not quite sufficient for liquidation, No. 3 from a temperature sufficiently high to produce complete liquidation, No. 4 from a pressure so great as to prevent even the terrific heat which most certainly exists deep down in the earth from completely liquefying the material on which it works, and No. 5 from a pressure which overcomes completely the liquefying power even of the maximum heat of the interior.

This pressure is estimated to be at the center of the earth 7,180,593,750 pounds to the square foot, a pressure so enormous that no known substance could fuse beneath it. Even hydrogen at the highest possible temperature would under such conditions become as hard as a diamond. Hence it seems probable that, far from there being a vacuum at the center of the earth, there is a basis of intensely solid matter there.—Pearson's Weekly.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All the doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering eighteen months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Only 25 cents a box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

ROBBERS RAID A TOWN.

Dynamite a Bank and Plunder a Store. Escape With Their Booty.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BRIGHTON, ILL., Dec 15.—Five men, posing as tramps, were permitted to lodge in the lock up here last evening. During the night they overpowered the town marshal, locked him in a cell and broke into the private bank of Blodett Brothers. Several charges of dynamite were exploded, but the vault, which contained a large sum, was only partially wrecked and the men gave up trying to secure it. The general store of Edward Butler was next visited. Here the safe was blown open and several hundred dollars secured. The men were entering another store when an alarm of fire was sounded. Meantime the robbers escaped. A posse with blood hounds is in pursuit.

Chicago's sporting fraternity is now convinced that the Gans McGovern fight was one of the greatest fakes ever pulled off in that city.

CHILDREN'S DESIRES.

Peculiar Forms That Their Wishes Sometimes Take.

A very original experiment was recently made by a lady who is fond of studying the characteristics of children. She wrote on the blackboard of a London board school the following question: "If a fairy were to offer you anything you like, what would you choose, and why?" A child who evidently had social aspirations wished for "a carriage with four lovely white horses, so that I could drive to theaters, parties and balls." Then another, anxious to get all she could from the fairy, answered, "To live in a palace and have all that my heart desires," adding, "I should like long life and health and no troubles and worries." There is a pathetic ring about the wish of one child, who would have asked for "new boots and underclothing." One would like to be a fairy godmother to that mite for a few hours.

The girl who carried off the prize wished for money. With this she would "travel about the world," she said, "and help poorer people." She also proposed to build a home for girls and boys "whose mothers and fathers are drunk nearly all day long." Significant this of some daily sordid misery in this child's life.

It is given to a very few people to understand the workings of the child mind, and it is only by exercise of patience and the utmost sincerity that one can get to know the ideas and desires that are formed in the ever busy little brains. A pretty story was once told by Sir Edwin Arnold of three children of his acquaintance whom he asked at their bedtime when about to say their prayers if they would pray for what they wanted most. After the two eldest had made their requests the youngest, a little girl, knelt down and, putting her hands together, said, "Dear God, love me when I am naughty, like mamma."—Baltimore News.

A Disgusted Lawyer.

A butcher recently employed a lawyer to collect a debt. The bill in question was for $49.50, and the lawyer wrote the customer that he proposed to haul him up in supplementary proceedings forthwith and inquire into the why and wherefore of his inability or neglect to settle.

On receipt of this belligerent message the customer hotfoot sought out the lawyer and made a speech to him, in which he deplored the stringency in the financial situation, which he felt assured would be only temporary; that all he wanted to settle the debt was to be allowed to pay in installments, and wound up with a tender of $25, which the lawyer accepted and sent to the butcher, with a note in which he threw a few bouquets at himself as the cleverest member of the bar south of the Harlem river.

Time passed, and nothing further was heard from the customer, and letters to him remained unanswered. Again the dire threat of supplementary proceedings was trotted out, but this time in vain. Somewhat chagrined, the lawyer was proceeding to put the threat into execution when he made the paralyzing discovery that in debts in an amount less than $25 supplementary proceedings could not be brought—a fact that it was painfully evident the customer was well aware of.—New York Tribune.

Swearing Off.

She—But don't you think it is wrong to swear off your personal taxes?

He—Oh, no. I don't swear to a lie, because a lie is a statement intended to deceive, and my statement is not intended to deceive, but merely to get rid of the taxes.—Brooklyn Life.

Calendar Inequalities.

Hewitt—The fellows that made the calendar were rather rough on poor February to give her only 28 days.

Jewett—Yes; they stole a March on her.—Harper's Bazar.

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